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Amendments to the Drawings:

The attached sheet of drawings includes a new Figure 4.

Attachment: New Drawing Sheet

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REMARKS

This Amendment is in response to the Final Office Action mailed 08/05/2005. In the Office Action, the Examiner allowed claims 1-8, 13-19, and 23-29, indicated allowable subject matter in claims 9-12, rejected claims 9 and 10 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, and rejected claims 20-22 under 35 U.S.C. § 102. Reconsideration in light of the amendments and remarks made herein is respectfully requested.

2. The Examiner rejects claims 9 and 10 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Regarding claim 9, the Examiner finds the term "ATM destination transmission device data" unclear. Applicant has deleted the term "data" as suggested by the Examiner.

Regarding claim 10, the Examiner finds a lack of antecedent basis for "the received trace response". Applicant has amended the first instance to read --a received trace response--.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw the rejection of claims 9 and 10 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph.

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 102

4. The Examiner rejects claims 20-22 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(c) as being anticipated by Karia et al. (US 6,643,267).

Applicant has cancelled claims 20-22 and respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw the rejection of claims 20-22 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Karia.

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Allowable Subject Matter

5. Applicant notes with appreciation the Examiner's allowance of claims 1-8, 13-19, and 23-29.

6. Applicant notes with appreciation the Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter in claims 9-12. The Examiner rejects claims 9 and 10 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, but indicates that the claims would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome this rejection. Applicant has amended claims 9 and 10 to overcome this rejection as discussed above in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicant respectfully requests that claims 9-12 be allowed.

Claim Amendments

Applicant has amended claims 23 and 26 to remove the ordinal identifications of the various means and to distinguish the various means by their respective functions. There is no substantive change in the claims.

Drawings

Applicant submitted a new Figure 4 with the Response filed on 05/19/2005. Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner indicate the acceptability of this drawing on the Office Action Summary in the next Office Action.

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Conclusion

Applicant reserves all rights with respect to the applicability of the doctrine of equivalents.

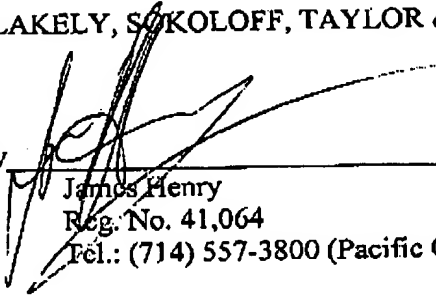
Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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